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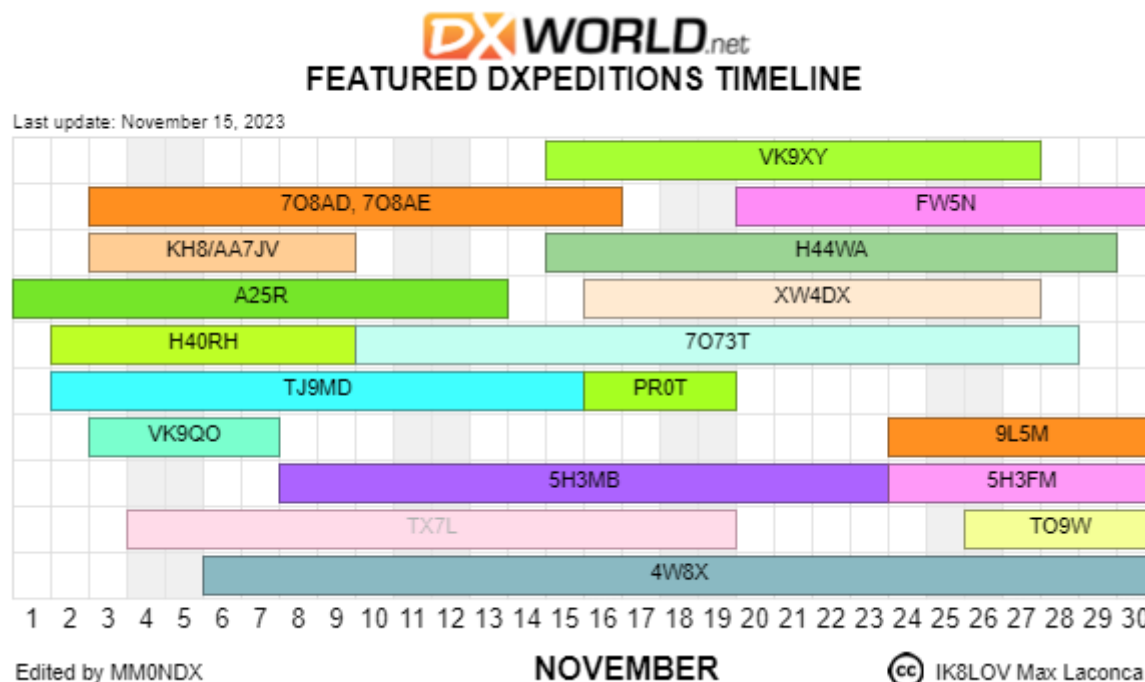
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## News

### ***H44WA Solomon Islands –update November 15***

'We got our 15 bags by what seemed like divine intervention, a good story for another time. We are busy building out our antenna field and will be on the air soon. Hexbeam is up, 2 CrankIRs are up, VDAs on the beach are being built. Tomorrow the DX Commander, 80 and 160m antennas will be built. Coax team is putting on connectors. Anxious to be on air soon!

*Kind regards,  
Team H44WA*

#### **4W8X Timor Leste –update November 16**

Fast approaching 80K QSOs, the 4W8X team are now in full operating mode. A quick check of any DX cluster shows they are on many bands at the same time and it's sometimes quite easy to work them on various bands within a few minutes of each other. One of the team, Philipp DK6SP, had to leave for his next expedition – before he did he took the opportunity to get artistic on the Dili beach ! See the last page!!!

<https://www.dx-world.net/4w8x-timor-leste/>

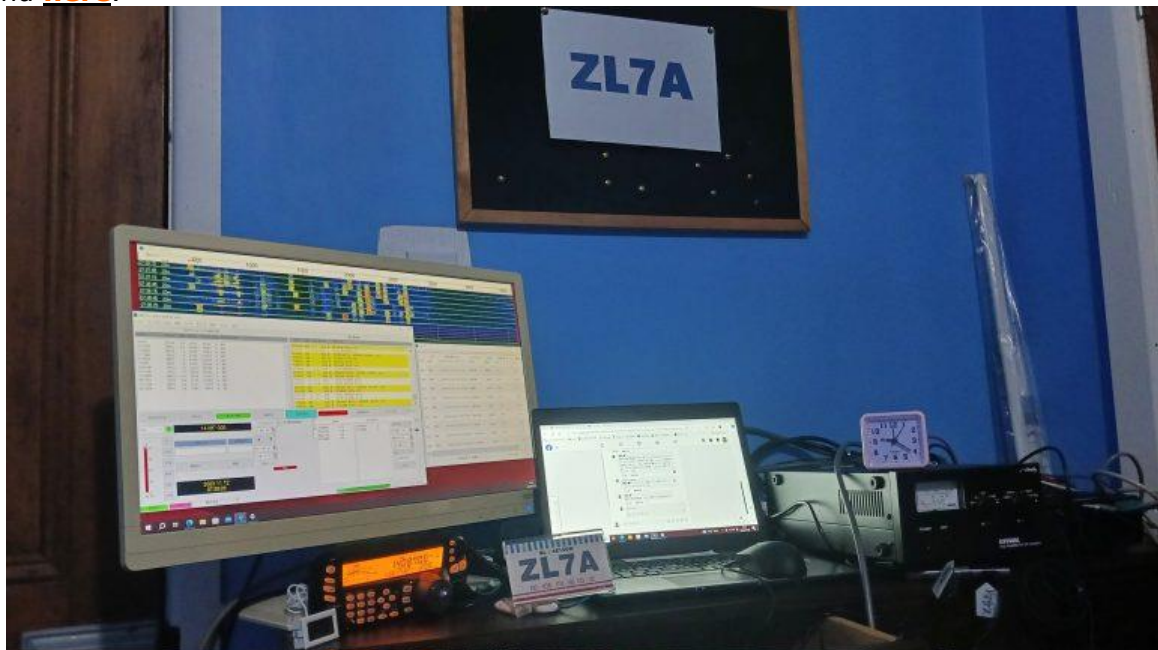


#### **TX7L Marquesas Islands –update November 13 by F6BCW**

*'Four stations are active 24/7. Faced with a strong demand for all bands, all modes, we decided to install an additional antenna. A second log periodic is deployed, with the difficulty that the terrain imposes.'*

#### **ZL7A Chatham Islands –update November 13**

Team reports that quite often they suddenly lose power which is why there may sometimes be a delay in signal reports. They ask you be patient during these times. In the meantime, their log can be found [here](#).





### **A6 IOTA activation plans**

Planning is currently underway for an IOTA activation of the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) coastal islands by a team of operators from the Emirates Amateur Radio Society. The U.A.E. has two IOTA island groups in its territory; the AS-021 Trucial Coast Group, and the AS-124 Gulf of Oman Group.

Operations are expected in one of the two IOTA locations, on most HF DX bands, and in a number of modes. QO-100 satellite operations also being considered. The activation is tentatively expected for December 2023 or January 2024. Full details later..

### **E6AJ Niue –now QRT by DF8AN**

*'E6AJ is history. Closed the log with 5500 QSO's, 80% FT8/RTTY, 20% CW. Overall 60% Asia/Pacific, 30% EU, 10% NA/SA. Over 80% on 10 and 12m, 15% on 15 and 20m, 5% on 30 and 40m. Noise level extremely high. Worked up to 2 stations simultaneously: IC7300 with 100 Watts mainly on 40, 30, 20 and 15m. All 12m and 10m QSO's made exclusively with the FT736 and 5 Watts output. It was fun – it was experience. And sorry for all who looked for a phone contact. Did made a couple of SSB contacts. But with longwires and Dipoles couldn't expect to be a loud signal. And of course don't forget: it was my holidays, not a 24/7 operation. All QSO's will be confirmed with a colourful PAPER QSL by printer shop of UX5UO in a couple of weeks vis bureau. QSL Route is via DF8AN (bureau/direct). Next plans...VP2M and V2 in Feb/Mar 2023 is planned....more info's shortly. 73 to all who worked me. Thanks for your patience. 73 de E6AJ / DF8AN.'*

### **XW4DX Laos –update**

We are the day before departure. F2DX, F4HAU, F5PTM and F8AVK will spend the night in a hotel in Roissy while F4BKV is already in Laos for a few days in order to solve some logistics issues such as purchasing the missing equipment. For the four of us, it's the (dreaded) moment of distributing the equipment collected today at F6KOP radioclub and from F5CWU. Very early tomorrow morning, we will take off for London, then Hanoi, and finally Vientiane in Laos. After this journey of more than 20 hours, a few more hours of driving will be needed to reach our QTH. If everything goes according to plan, you should start hearing XW4DX by the evening of November 16. To avoid jokers (pirates), the official start will be announced on our Facebook page as well as by our partner DX World. Stay tuned!



# **DXCC**

## **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Kazu, M0CFW (JK3GAD) will once again be active as 3B9KW during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Activity before/after contest (November 19 to December 1) as 3B9/M0CFW. QSL via LoTW.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30, 2024. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** A large team of 20+ operators is operating as 4W8X until November 26. Operation 24/7 on all bands using CW, SSB and digi. Also EME 144Mhz, 432Mhz and 1296 Mhz. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included. 4W8X will have a 80m 4-Square (controller and cables sponsored by DXEngineering, many thanks). 160m will use a well-proven Titanex V160 Vertical with extensive Radials. Both antennas as close to the ocean as possible. For Receiving, we'll have two Beverages (~250m long) plus filtering/switching network to listen in four directions, independently on 160m and 80m: Europe (short path), North America (short path)

**5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU is back as 5H3MB until December 8. He will work as a volunteer at the Ikelu hospital. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau or direct, LoTW.

**5Z4, KENYA** Rick, M0LEP is once again QRV as 5Z4/call until November 21. Operation during his spare time. QSL via LoTW.

**CN, MOROCCO** Stephan, DL1MOG is now back on air with his Moroccan callsign CN2MOG. In November he will be traveling again in the desert areas south of Morocco's Anti (Lesser) Atlas Mountains with his four-wheel expedition motorhome "UNIMOG!" He plans to operate on the 10-40m bands during the evenings. QSL via DL1MOG.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Vasek, OK6RA is on a family holiday and is QRV as FG/call until November 27. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Look for TO0T (KB9DVB, KB9DVC and KC9SNM) between November 22-29. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Outside the contest they will operate as FJ/calls on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via KB9DVC.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ is active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island until November 19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.



**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Jacky ZL3CW will be operating as FW2CW during November 20-30. It's a CW only operation with focus on the WARC bands. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** The H44WA DXpedition to Guadalcanal (OC-047) is QRV until November 29. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (preferred), or direct to his mailing address. Bureau cards will not be



provided, and there will be "no full log LoTW upload". <https://www.h44wa.com/>

**OX, GREENLAND** Look for the OX7A crew from Black Ridge, Kangerlussuaq between November 21 and November 28. Operation on HF using SSB, CW and digi. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as OX7AM.

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P40W during November 20-28. Main goal is the CQWW CW contest but outside he will sign on 160, 30, 17 and 12 meter during his spare time. QSL via LoTW or via N2MM.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4/KU8E, PJ4/N8VW and PJ4/K3MD will be active during November 21-28. An entry in the CQWW CW contest (Nov 25-26) as PJ4A is included. QSL: PJ4A, PJ4/K4BAI & PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. Others via homecalls.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV in 'holiday-style' between November 20-29 as PJ7EE. Activity on HF primarily on CW using a vertical antenna. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW. Gary updates to say that at PJ7EE 160m is doubtful. Also, when not contesting he'll be looking for JA, BY, YB, DU etc on FT8 mostly on 10-15 meters. 60 meters is not authorized on Sint Maarten so not QRV that band.

**PY0T, TRINIDADE** Fabio PY1ZV, Stephano PT2IC and Breto PY6RT are QRV as PR0T until November 19. The on-site team (PY1ZV, PT2IC and PY6RT) operates SSB and CW from the main camp; the FT8 station, located 300-400m away, is operated remotely by ten other amateurs. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. <http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/>

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Ed, N2HX is active as V4/call until November 18. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Bob, WX4G will be active as V47RB between November 20 and December 1. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as V48A. Operation outside the contest from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April 2024. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included. During contests look for Gunter as V55Y.

**V6, MICRONESIA** A team with DL2AWG, DK2AMM, DL2AMD and DF4GV is active from Chuuk Isl OC-011 as V6EU until November 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter with perhaps 60 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL2AWG, Club Log, LoTW.

**VK9, CHRISTMAS ISL** Yuris YL2GM and Eugene EA5EL are active as VK9XY until November 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Kevin, W1DED is QRV as VP2V/call until November 18. QSL via LoTW and home call.

**XU, CAMBODIA** Tom, DL7BO is once again QRV as XU7GNY until November 26. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via DJ6TF, LoTW.



**XW, LAOS** A French team with F4BKV Vincent, F4HAU Diego, F2DX Patrick, F5PTM Pascal and F8AVK Julien is operating as XW4DX. Activity until November 27 with possible an entry in the CQWW CW contest. QRV on HF except 80 and 30 meter. Focus will be 160 and 40 meter. QSL via F4BKV, bureau or direct, Club Log, LoTW. <https://xw4dx.f4bkv.net/>

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Stan, K5GO is once again operating as ZF9CW for 3.5 months. Operation mainly on CW and entries in various contests.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** A team with JF1OCQ, JA1SVP and JE1SYN is active as ZL7A until November 22. Active from 160 to 6 meter + SAT IO-117 (430mHz). Equipment: 3 x transceivers, verticals and dipoles for HF. 4 element beam for 50mHz. Modes: SSB, CW, FT (F/H, MSHV), FM. QSL via JF1OCQ (direct).

## Coming up soon

**3B8, MAURITIUS** Look for 3B8M once again during the CQWW CW contest. Team in 2023 will include G0CKV (3B8HA), KX7M, M0SDV, K0AV, WD6T, G3XTT and 403A.

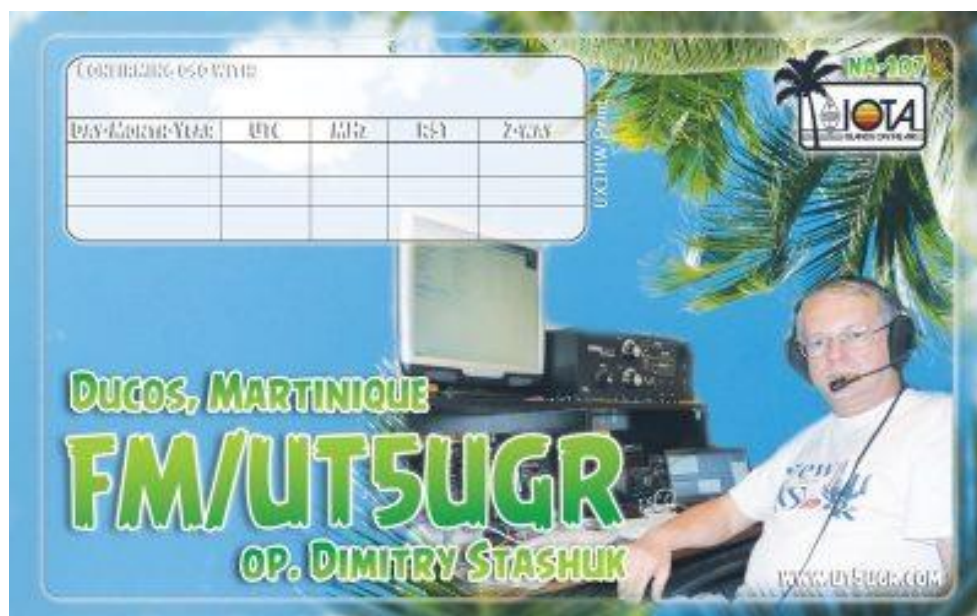
**3W, VIETNAM** Alex, KU1CW will be active as 3W9A during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 25-26). QRV near Pleiku. QSL via home call.

**5H, TANZANIA** Ferdy, HB9DSP will once again be operating as 5H3FM from Zanzibar between November 24 and December 5. QRV on HF using SSB, FM and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**8P, BARBADOS** Bob, GU4YOX will be active during the CQWW CW contest as 8P9A, before the contest he will sign as 8P9OX. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau.

**9L, SIERRA LEONE** Shabu, M0KRI will be operating as 9L5M from November 23 until December 6. Activity from 80 to 6 meter, QO100 SAT using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via G3SVK, LoTW and Club Log.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Dimitry, UT5UGR will once again be QRV as FM/call before and after the CQWW CW contest and as TO7A (contest) end November. QSL via home call.



**FS, ST MARTIN** The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm>

**FS, ST MARTIN** Philip, K0CD will be QRV as FS/call during the CQWW CW contest. Perhaps he might be active a few days before and after the contest. QSL via home call.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD will be operating as HR5/call between November 25 and March 21, 2024. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Nan, JH1HST will be operating as JD1/call during November 26-29. Operation on 80, 40, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meter using mainly FT8 with some CW or SSB. QSL via home call.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls.

**TK, CORSICA** A team of 6 will be active within upcoming CQWW CW 2023 from the north shore of Corsica. The short contest callsign will be announced shortly. Operators will be DJ2MX, DJ4MX, DK2CX, DK6SP, F5SNJ and HA8RT. The team will enter M/2 category and is looking forward to your calls.

The main purpose shall be to conduct a final test of equipment for the upcoming DXpedition to **8R** – Guyana 2024.



**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL** Yuris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL will be on the air from Cocos (Keeling) island as VK9CY from November 29 to December 7, 2023. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB, FT8.

**On the scene...708AD and 708AE Yemen, AF-028**



# IOTA

## **This week on air**

### **AFRICA**

**AF-028 Socotra Isl** Dima, RA9USU – using the callsign 7073T – is now operating from height on the **Diksam Plateau**, Socotra island, Yemen. He started on 80m FT8 (2145z). QRV until November 28th and will be active mainly on CW with some FT8. 60m band will also be used. Participation in the CQWW CW contest. QSL via UA3DX.  
Shack view below.



### **ASIA**

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JI3DST is QRV until December 19. He operates SSB and CW as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JR8YLY/6 as well as JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VK3KTB and Alexey VE1RUS is active again as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station until November 22. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Max, N5NHJ will be active as HQ9CW from Sandy Bay between November 22-29. This is a CW only operation from 20 to 6 meter using a vertical with 100 watts. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** During November 20 to December 4, team consisting K1XM, KQ1F, W1UE, N9NC and NG7A will be active from Roatan Island, NA-057, Honduras. Participation on the CQWW CW contest as HQ9X. Outside of contest activity as HR9/homecalls mainly on FT4/FT8 with emphasis on JA.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

**OC-151 Flores Isl** Burkhard DL3KZA is active as YB9/call until November 17. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**OC-195 Deal Isl** Through his work, John VK1POR is now active from Deal island (Furneaux Islands) OC-195 until December 1. He uses an IC-7300 and prefers digimodes. QSL via LoTW.

**OC-299 Satawal Atoll** At approximately 2250z on November 12th, Cezar VE3LYC started operations from Satawal Atoll OC-299 on 15CW as V62S. His last update suggested he may remain on the island for six days.



# Coming up soon

## OCEANIA

**OC-130 Con Son Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as 3W9C between November 30 and December 9. Activity in 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 meters using FT8 and SSB. "I am not a CW operator", he says. "However, if somebody hates FT8 and wants to try CW with me, I should be able to manage it as a sked when there is no pile-up". His licence for 6m is limited to 53-54 MHz, so he plans to operate split: listening on 50.313 or 50.323 and transmitting on 53.313 or 53.323. I haven't tried yet to work FT8 with such a wide split, but this is the only option to try to work IARU Region 1. If it doesn't work, I will simply work 53.313 MHz for Regions 2 and 3, where the 6m band is wider".

**On the scene...Yuris YL2GM and Eugene EA5EL off to Christmas Island**



## ANTARCTIC BASES

**Davis Base** From December 2023 to November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

**Vernadsky Research Base** Serhiy, UW5EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Announced DX**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**70, YEMEN** Vlad OK2WX will be active from Socotra island AF-028 as 702WX during January 25 to February 12, 2024. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.



**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Pierre, F4GPK will be active from Kourou between December 29 and January 16, 2024. Operation in 'holiday-style' as TO2FY on HF using SSB only. QSL via EQSL.

**H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village during early February until end April 2024. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

### **THE REMINDERS**

**3B8, MAURITIUS** David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ will be QRV as 3B9AT between December 7 and January 6, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

**7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI in early 2024. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

**8R, GUYANA** "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ** A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>



## On the scene...TJ9MD Cameroon



**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21, 2024. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3, 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

**FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL** The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxq.net/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16, 2024. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

**FT/X, KERGUELEN** It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpediton to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7, 2024. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 Dxpediton - Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](https://intrepid-dx.com/)

**J3, GRENADA** A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow.

**J7, DOMINICA** Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Gert, PA2LO will once again be QRV as J8TT between December 26 and

January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

Below is a picture from a previous operation.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 will again be active from Minami Torishima starting mid-January 2024 and lasting for 3 months. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look for members of the Kansai Okinawa Ham Club to be active from Ogasawara as JD1YCE between December 8-19. QRV on various bands, various modes. QSL via JA3AVO; LoTW, OQRS **P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM will be QRV as P4/call and as P40AA during the CQ160 CW contest between January 19 and January 31, 2024. Operation besides the contest from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT4/8, SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10, 2024. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

### **Back in time...PTOS St Peter and Paul Rock 2012 operation**



**PZ, SURINAME** Nobu, JA0JHQ will be operating as PZ5NH between December 7 and December 14. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**T32, CHRISTMAS ISL** The Rebel DX Group will be active as T32TT from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati "starting from the first week of December 2023 for 3 or more weeks". Plans are to operate digital Modes, plus CW and SSB, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

**T8, PALAU** A JA team with JH6WDG (as T88AQ), JA6KYU (as T88HS), JR6DRH (as T88RH) and JA6EGL (as T88SM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during January 12-18, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via operators instructions.

**TY, BENIN** Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11, 2024. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** A team with K2KW, KD4D, AG9A and W9RE will be QRV as VP2VMM from Anegada between December 4 and December 12. An entry in the ARRL 10m contest is included. Outside the contest they will sign as VP2V/calls. QSL for VP2VMM via KU9C and LoTW.



**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP9, BERMUDA** Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19, 2024. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Chris HB9FIY will once again be active as ZD7CA for a few weeks in December 2023 / January 2024. He asks what are the most wanted bands /modes from ZD7. QSL via EA5GL.

### **7073T Socotra Island, Yemen –update**

The rain has been relentless recently at the 7073T QTH. This picture convey the current conditions inside Dima's tent. He asks: "where am I supposed to sleep!"



## **IOTA**

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-028 St Paul Isl** A Russian Robinson DXpedition will take place as KL7RRCC between December 7 and December 15. The team with Tim NL8F, Alex KL5CX and Yuri N3QQ will be QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Alex, K6VHF will once again be active as call/HR9 between November 21-28. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

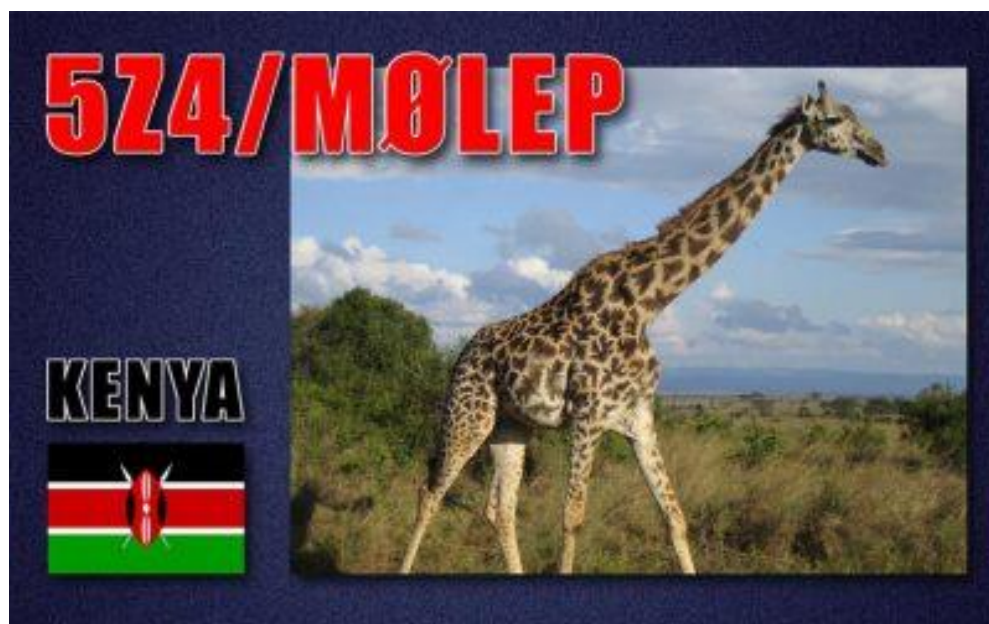
## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**F, FRANCE** Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM100LTB** from 25 November to 3 December. QSL

via the bureau. The special callsign commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**UA, RUSSIA** Special callsigns **R2023DX** and **UE33DX** will be active on 17-30 November to celebrate the 33th anniversary of the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L. (TNX 425DX)



## **THE REMINDERS**

**9A, CROATIA** **9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**A4, OMAN** **A43ND** marks the 53rd Omani National Day during November. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW, eQSL, qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**A9, BAHRAIN** Members of the Bahrain Radio Amateur Society (BARS) join the Omani celebration with the callsign **A91OMA** between Nov. 12 and 18. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** DARC Team SES will be active as **DL11ORG** from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75th anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz fuer die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI8OMB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as **TM125ED** between 4 November and 31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 125th anniversary since radio pioneer Eugene Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Once again the Radio Club de Nice will be active as **TM8AB** to commemorate the



anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, FT8 and SSTV during the weekends between 28 October and 10 December. QSL via F4KJQ. (TNX 425DX)  
**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB8DELOY** is the special callsign for members of the Swiss Air Force Museum's Radio Club (HB4FR) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity from 1 November to 31 December. QSL via HB9ACA (bureau preferred). (TNX 425DX)

**HK, COLOMBIA** Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Liga Colombiana de Radio- aficionados, eleven special callsigns will be in use on 18-19 November: **5K0LR, 5K1LR, 5K2LR, 5K3LR, 5K4LR, 5K5LR, 5K6LR, 5K7LR, 5K8LR, 5K9LR** and **5J3L** (YL operators). Look for activity on 40-10 metres CW, SSB, FT8. The event is organized by Liga Radio Bogota. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, qrz.com, Club Log, or via HK3LRB. A number of certificates will be available. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)  
For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

### **On the scene...VK9XY Christmas Island by Yuris YL2GM**



**LA, NORWAY** **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX90RTL** is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via

LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rc/713> (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PF23MAX** celebrates Max Verstappen's Formula 1 World Championship 2023 title during November. QRV on HF and via QO-100. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Dutch members of the European DX Foundation will operate special callsigns **PA37EUDXF, PB37EUDXF, PC37EUDXF, PD37EUDXF, PE37EUDXF, PF37EUDXF, PG37EUDXF, PH37EUDXF** and **PI37EUDXF** between 1 and 30 November to celebrate the EUDXF's 37th anniversary. QSL PH37EUDXF via PA2TMS; QSL other callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via PA1AW. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ ([pd5enj@msn.com](mailto:pd5enj@msn.com)). (TNX DXNL)

**SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND SN15AXI** honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**SP, POLAND** The Bydgoszcz Amateur Radio Club (SP2PBY) will be active as **SN3BUW, SN3IW, SN6ESH** and **SN6IU** on 6-19 November to honour the memory of Henryk Kruszynski SP2BUW (1957-2020), Ryszard Czerwinski SP2IW (1932-2018), Boleslaw Krzymin SP2ESH (1936-2016) and Zbigniew Gorgolewski SP2IU (1933-2017). QSLs via SP2PBY. A certificate will be available: <http://www.sp2pby.pl/>. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL** celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023.

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** "Amateur Radio", the official journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia, will reach 90 years of continuous publication in October. To mark this milestone, the WIA has obtained the special event call sign **VK90AR** for use until 31 December by any member of the WIA as well as any affiliated club. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Tom, VK2WN (SP7WT) will be active as **AX37EUDXF** between 15 October and 30 November to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the European DX Foundation. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS. He does not use the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF** is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustralia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until end 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA AU2JCB** is a special event call-sign to commemorate the birth date (30 NOV) & to pay homage & to tell about the great INDIAN scientist Acharya JAGADISH CHANDRA BOSE who is recognized as the "Father of Wireless Communication" by the scientific community of our world & IEEE. Operation between November 23 and December 11. Preferably the operation will be on higher bands according to propagation conditions. QSL--- Direct to VU2DSI, "SURABHI" MEHERABAD. AHMEDNAGAR.414006. INDIA.

**VU, INDIA** Look for **AT30IIH** to be active until 31 December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Hams, whose focus is to train and bring young people into the amateur radio community (<https://www.indianhams.com/>). QSL via the bureau or direct, or via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**XE, MEXICO 6EOG** is a special event callsign that puts Ghost Towns on the Air until Dec. 17. QSL via XE1EE, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**YU, SERBIA** The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



with the callsign **YU7SSRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.  
**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)  
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>



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